

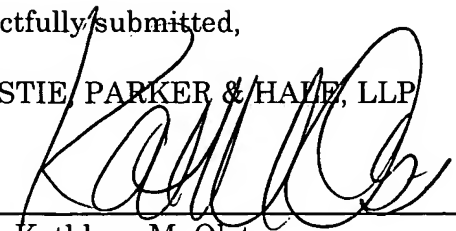
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specification and claims. No new matter is presented. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments prior to examination.

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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4 to 7, 9 to 10 and 15 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising a rubbery continuous phase with a discontinuous phase distributed therein, ~~[characterised in that]~~ wherein the discontinuous phase comprises a cyclodextrin in an amount of 0.1 to 65 wt %, based on the total composition and also comprises a hydrocolloid other than cyclodextrin.

4. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to ~~[any preceding]~~ claim 1 wherein the continuous phase comprises up to 50 wt. % of polyisobutylene as a major component.

5. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to ~~[any preceding]~~ claim 1 wherein the continuous phase contains up to 15 wt.% of a rubbery copolymer of styrene or a substituted styrene as a major component.

6. (Amended) A pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising an aqueous hydrogel, ~~[characterised in that]~~ wherein the adhesive also contains a cyclodextrin in an amount of 0.1 to 65 wt %, based on the total composition.

7. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to ~~[any preceding]~~ claim 1 ~~[which additionally contains]~~ further comprising an active ingredient.

9. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to claim 7 ~~[or 8]~~ wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, menthol, salicylic acid, antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, essential oils and fragrances.

10. (Amended) A medical or surgical appliance comprising a substrate on which is formed a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive composition according to ~~[any preceding]~~ claim 1.

15. (Amended) An appliance according to ~~[any one of claims]~~ claim 10 ~~[to 14]~~ wherein the substrate includes a backing comprising non-adhesive waterproof film.

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